



Global Learning Charter Public School

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2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

The Health Science curriculum at the Global Learning Charter Public School covers a variety of topics including lessons on reproduction and puberty. All areas of study are in alignment with the Massachusetts Comprehensive Health Curriculum Frameworks. Lessons for grades **7-12** will be lead by **RAPP** (Responsible Attitudes Toward Pregnancy and Prevention) through the Southcoast Hospital Group, paid for in part by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Grades 5-6: Identify physical and emotional changes as related to the body during puberty. Learn the importance of proper hygiene, diet, exercise, personal safety, privacy and respect. Learn the physiology of their bodies and correct terminology for the parts of the reproductive system. Curriculum: ***Always Changing***, PG School Programs and ***A Boys Guide to Growing Up***, Discovery Education. Lessons will be lead by the School Nurse and Physical Education teachers.

Grades 7-8: Sexual health and relationship education is part of this program and includes discussions about puberty; dating; relationships and communication skills; pregnancy; birth control; abortion; sexual orientation; prevention of sexually transmitted diseases; and adolescent development.

RAPP 101 Curriculum (7th) and ***Making Proud Choices Program*** (8th)

Grades 9-12: Sexual health and relationship education is part of this program and includes discussions about puberty; dating; relationships and communication skills; pregnancy; birth control; abortion; sexual orientation; prevention of sexually transmitted diseases; and adolescent development.

RAPP High School Curriculum

*Please complete and return this form **ONLY** if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate.

I **do not** wish my child to participate in the reproductive health lessons.

Student Name

Grade/Homeroom

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

'No pupil shall be required to take or participate in instruction on disease, its symptoms, development and treatment, whose parent or guardian shall object thereto in writing on the grounds such instruction conflicts with his sincerely held religious beliefs, and no pupil so exempt shall be penalized by reason of such exemption.' (MGL Chapter 71, Section 32A, Parental Notification Law)